

## **SAMATVA (EQUALITY FOR ALL) 17 – 23 JANUARY, 2020**

### **Organized by IQAC, WDC & ICC**

With the objective to sensitize the girls about their rights and empower them so that they developed into adults who value equality and would become productive citizens, Gender Empowerment Week was organized during 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2020. The Inaugural Session was conducted with lighting of the lamp, by Dr. Rajshree Trivedi (Principal), Ms. Nischint Hora (Project Director, VACHA), Twinkle Sanghavi (IQAC Coordinator) Dr. Rita Patil (Supervisor) and Committee In charge of WDC and ICC.

On 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 session I & II was conducted by Ms. Nischint Hora, Project Director, Ms. Sneha Pawar, Sr. Program Officer and Ms. Anita Tambe, Community Manager from 'VACHA' NGO. A movie was shown "Chingari ki Khoj Me" which was followed by initiating discussion on different types of violence experienced by Indian girls. The message given was that they have to be strong to fight.

18<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Session III & IV was conducted by Majlis, an NGO working in the field of women's rights. The organisation is headed by Adv. Flavia Agnes a renowned Human Rights Activist and a lawyer. The speakers were Nausheen Yousuf (Project Director), Ruchitaa Panicker (Program Coordinator) and Sindhu Nair (Project Coordinator). Information was provided about the legal rights on domestic and sexual violence. They explained how to file a FIR and what is Zero FIR. 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Session V & VI was a demonstrative session on Self Defense. The Resource Person was Mr. Someshwar Bagdeswar, Director and Trainer Lekhraj Sport Academy. Along with his team members demonstrated the techniques for Self-Defense in adverse situations. Students also participated some technique.

21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 Session VII had Dr. Putul Sathe and Dr. Vatsala Shoukla from RCWS of SNDT University. The topics covered were 'Basics of Gender Equality' and 'Women in Politics'. For Session VIII speaker was Dr. Meghana Bhate from Lions Club. She is a practicing Consultant Gynecologist. She discussed different Adolescence Gynecological Problems faced by youth.

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 Session IX & X were organized by speakers from MAVA. Mr. Harish Sadani loudly voiced that "Fight for Equality is not men or women, it's the right against the mindset of the people". Mr. Pravin Thote spoke on Stereo types set for both women and Men. Mr. Altamash Khan talked on concepts like sexual orientation, Asexuality, Intesex, the transgender persons etc. This was followed by a play presented by 10 students from different colleges titled "Breaking the Binary", The Message was "Let's Break the Gender Binaries".

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 session XI was conducted by Hasina Khan from Bebaak Collective Group. She is National Level Feminist Activist. She conducted an opinion poll of the students on "Should Capital Punishment be given to the Rapist". She enlightened the girls on "kill Rape culture not the Rapist". Session XII the speaker was Aruna Raje an Eminent Film Director. She spoke about her experience on male dominance in society and gave the message to the girls that master of your life is you yourself

The Valedictory Session guest of honour were, Advocate Gauri Chhabaria a social activist, an academician & trustee of Women Graduates Union, Film Director Aruna Raje, Ms. Kamalini Parekh President of Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Airport District 3141, Dr. Yogini Sheth Honorary Secretary Managing Committee and Principal Dr. Rajashree Trivedi. The week ended with message of building a world without exploitation, operation & discrimination against women or any other section of the society. In all 989 girls attended the different sessions conducted under Gender Week celebrations.

## GLIMPSESS OF GENDER WEEK CELEBRATIONS



Lightning of the Lamp



Speakers of VACHA NGO



Session conducted by MAJLIS NGO



Self Defense Session by Mr. Someshwar Bagdeswar and Team



Gender Equality & Women in Politics discussed by Dr. Putul Sathe & Dr. Vatsala Shoukla from RCWS



Solutions of Adolescence Gynecological Problems of Youth discussed by Lions Club



Mr. Harish Sadani from MAVA discussing Toxic Masculinity & LGBTQIA



Street Play Performance "Saanche Me Duniya"



Hasina Khan from Bebaak



Aruna Raje eminent Film Director



Adv. Gauri Chhabaria from Women Graduates Union



Valedictory Session



